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1 Page 1-line 9 After "through" insert "26-55-112 and".
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3 Page 2-line 9 Delete "patient-physician" and insert
4 "patient-provider".
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6 Page 6-after line 15 Insert and renumber as necessary:
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8 "(xi) "Step therapy protocol" means an evidence-based
9 protocol or program that establishes the specific sequence in which
10 prescription drugs for a specified medical condition are deemed
11 medically appropriate for a particular patient and are covered by
12 a health insurer or health benefit plan;
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14 "(xii) "Health care provider" means a person licensed,
15 registered or certified under federal or state laws or regulations
16 to provide health care services;".
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18 Page 6-line 17 Delete "(xi)" and insert "(xiii)".
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20 Page 7-line 4 Delete "professionals" and insert
21 "providers".
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23 Page 8-line 20 Delete "physician" and insert "health care
24 provider".
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26 Page 9-line 22 Delete "professional" and insert "provider".
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28 Page 10-line 1 Delete "a specific" and insert "an
29 applicable".
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31 Page 10-after line 9 Insert:
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33 "(iv) Knowledge of the applicable person's medical
34 history and diagnosis."
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36 Page 10-line 11 Delete "**prior to**" and insert "**after**".
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38 Page 10-lines 14 and 15 Delete entirely.
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40 Page 10-line 16 Delete line through "service" and insert
41 "After issuing an adverse determination".
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43 Page 10-line 17 Delete "notify the" and insert "provide the
44 opportunity to the health care provider".

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2 Page 10-lines 18 through 21 Delete entirely.
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4 Page 10-line 22 Delete "opportunity".
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6 Page 10-line 23 After "who" insert "has decision making
7 authority and".
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9 Page 11-line 2 After "review." insert "The health insurer or
10 contract utilization review entity shall
11 attempt to schedule the discussion within five
12 (5) business days after the health care
13 provider's request."
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15 Page 11-line 10 Delete "professional" and insert "provider".
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17 Page 11-line 12 Delete "a specific" and insert "an
18 applicable".
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20 Page 13-line 16 Delete "business" and insert "calendar".
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22 Page 14-line 6 Delete "twenty-four (24)" and insert "seventy-
23 two (72)".
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25 Page 14-line 11 Delete "twenty-four (24)" and insert "seventy-
26 two (72)".
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28 Page 15-lines 6 through 12 Delete entirely and insert:
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30 "(a) Each authorization shall have the following timelines:
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32 (i) Outpatient service prior authorizations shall be
33 valid for a period of not less than one (1) year;
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35 (ii) Prescription drug authorization periods shall be
36 effective for a period of not less than one (1) year including
37 changes in dosage for a prescription drug prescribed by a health
38 care provider, provided that the authorization period and dosage
39 change are consistent with dosing and duration according to
40 evidence based guidelines for safety and efficacy;
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42 (iii) Prior authorizations for inpatient services shall
43 be valid for a length of time based on the patient's clinical
44 condition. This period will be not less than one (1) day."
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46 Page 17-after line 10 Insert:
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1 "(d) No enrollee shall be required to repeat a step therapy
2 protocol if that enrollee, while under their current or a previous
3 health benefit plan, used the prescription drug required by the
4 step therapy protocol, or another prescription drug in the same
5 pharmacologic class with a similar efficacy and side effect profile
6 or with the same mechanism of action, and discontinued use due to
7 lack of efficacy, effectiveness, an adverse event or
8 contraindication. The enrollee's prescribing provider shall submit
9 justification and clinical information, if requested, that
10 demonstrates a clinically valid reason for why the covered
11 prescribed drug is needed and documentation of completion of
12 previous step therapy protocols for the prescribed drug.

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14 **26-55-114. Prior authorization for rehabilitative or**
15 **habilitative services.**

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17 (a) A health insurer or contracted utilization review entity
18 shall not require prior authorization for rehabilitative or
19 habilitative services including, but not limited to, physical
20 therapy services or occupational therapy services for the first
21 twelve (12) visits for each new episode of care. For purposes of
22 this subsection, "new episode of care" means treatment for a new
23 condition or treatment for a recurring condition that an enrollee
24 has not been treated within the previous ninety (90) days.

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26 (b) This section does not limit the right of a health insurer
27 or contracted utilization review entity to deny a claim when an
28 appropriate prospective or retrospective review concludes that the
29 health care services were not medically necessary.

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31 **Section 2.** W.S. 26-55-113 is created to read:".

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34 Page 17-line 15 After "provider" insert ", as identified by a
35 unique national physician identifier,"; after
36 "granted" delete "an" and insert "a twelve
37 (12) month or one (1) year".

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39 Page 17-line 17 After "service" insert ", excluding the
40 practice of pharmacy and prescription drugs,".

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42 Page 17-line 21 Delete "eighty percent (80%)" and insert
43 "ninety percent (90%)".

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45 Page 17-line 22 After "requests" insert ", rounded down to the
46 nearest whole number,".

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1 Page 18-line 10 After "section" insert "." and delete balance
2 of line.
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4 Page 18-line 11 Delete line through "months."
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6 Page 19-line 14 Delete "eighty percent (80%)" and insert
7 "ninety percent (90%), rounded down to the
8 nearest whole number,".
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10 Page 19-line 17 After "applies" insert ";" and delete balance
11 of line.
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13 Page 19-lines 18 and 19 Delete entirely.
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15 Page 22-lines 8 through 23 Delete entirely.
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17 Page 23-lines 1 and 2 Delete entirely.
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19 Page 23-line 4 Delete "**Section 2.**" and insert "**Section 3.**".
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21 Page 23-line 7 Delete "**Section 3.**" and insert "**Section 4.**".
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23 Page 23-line 9 Delete "subsection (b)" and insert
24 "subsections (b) and (c)".
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26 Page 23-after line 10 Insert:
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28 "(b) Section 2 of this act is effective January 1, 2026."
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30 Page 23-line 12 Delete line through "3" and insert
31 "(c) Sections 3 and 4". ZWONITZER, DN,
32 CHAIRMAN